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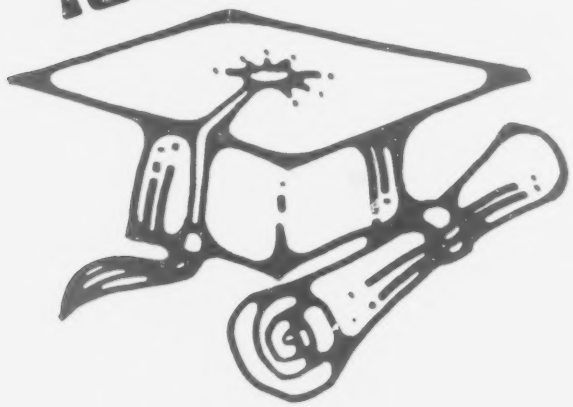

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HIGHLIGHTS

Data for 1979-80 on noncredit adult/continuing education activities indicate that:

* there were 514,821 total registrations. This represented an increase of 41,887 or 8.9 percent over those reported for 1977-78.

* the community colleges showed the largest numerical gain (34,797) in registrations when compared to 1977-78.

* nearly one-fourth of all registrations, 126,877, were reported in the area of business and management.

* four academic subject areas showed the largest numerical growth in registrations since 1977-78. They were business and management (up 10,117), fine and applied arts (up 10,735), health professions (up 13,741) and physical education and avocational instruction (up 12,768).

* just over one-fifth of all registrations, 105,109, were recorded by The Pennsylvania State University.

FOREWORD

The series of publications entitled Our Colleges and Universities Today is designed to provide statistical data and trends relating to higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Noncredit Adult/Continuing Education Activities" is Number 6 of Volume XVIII in this series. Other issues in the series, published either annually or biennially, provide data on summer and fall enrollments, degrees conferred, libraries, preparation and occupational pursuits of teachers, faculty and other personnel and financial statistics.

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INTRODUCTION

The noncredit adult/continuing education data contained in this publication reflect the latest data available as reported by each institution of higher education. All surveyed institutions in the Commonwealth responded to the survey.

The data were obtained directly from the institutions on schedules provided by the National Center for Education Statistics. Appreciation is extended to the responsive and cooperative group of higher education officials who are assisting in the continuous development of the Department of Education's higher education data system.

Source: Adult/Continuing Education: Noncredit Activities in Colleges and Universities, 1979-80 (NCES 2300-8)

NONCREDIT ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, 1979-80

The noncredit adult/continuing education programs at institutions of higher education continue to attract large numbers of registrations each year. Despite the projected decrease in degree credit enrollments after fall 1980, registrations in noncredit activities are expected to grow. While degree credit enrollments are primarily affected by the declining pool of traditional college-age people (ages 18 to 24), noncredit activities meet the needs of a broad spectrum of adults. The variety of reasons for attending noncredit programs range from continuing one's professional education to general interest. With today's rapidly changing technology, noncredit activities keep individuals abreast of the latest procedures and techniques. Likewise, increased leisure time at all ages is another area where noncredit instruction is a viable force. Guidance in managing and enjoying this time is a much needed commodity.

For the specifics, registrations in noncredit adult/continuing education totaled 514,821 in 1979-80. Although this represents an increase of 41,887 or 8.9 percent from the last survey in 1977-78, the total was expected to be much higher. The number of registrations increased at the state colleges and university to 52,244 (up 6.4 percent), at the community colleges to 164,355 (up 26.9 percent), at the private state-aided institutions to 43,452 (up 4.9 percent), at the private colleges and universities to 109,388 (up 21.6 percent) and at the theological seminaries to 2,373 (up 83.2 percent). The remaining categories of institutions showed decreases in registrations. The most notable was the state-related commonwealth universities where registrations fell by 17,120 or 10.8 percent.

By field of instruction, four academic subject areas recorded large numeric gains in registrations since 1977-78. They were business

and management, up 10,117 or 8.7 percent, fine and applied arts, up 10,735 or 32.1 percent, health professions, up 13,741 or 22.2 percent, and physical education and avocational instruction, up 12,768 or 26.0 percent.

The Pennsylvania State University continues as the institution with the largest number of registrations. The 105,109 registrations for 1979-80 represent a decrease of 16,937 or 13.9 percent since the last survey in 1977-78. However, the two institutions with the next largest numbers of registrations reported gains. They were the American College with 64,386 (up 12,597 or 24.3 percent) and the Community College of Allegheny County with 60,292 (up 4,227 or 7.5 percent).

TABLE 1

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN NONCREDIT ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES BY INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY, 1970-71 THROUGH 1979-80

	1970-71	1971-72	1973-74	1975-76	1977-78	1979-80
TOTAL, ALL INSTITUTIONS	229 500	226 587	277 619	393 107	472 934	514 821
State Colleges and University	40 921	33 901	19 870	21 676	49 124	52 244
State-Related Commonwealth Universities[1/]	76 961	82 175	132 491	180 434	158 931	141 811
Community Colleges	33 857	30 371	74 489	87 095	129 558	164 355
Private State-Aided Institutions	43 559	43 627	21 252	27 139	41 405	43 452
Private Colleges and Universities[2/]	31 715	32 538	25 485	72 671	89 934	109 388
Theological Seminaries	2 362	3 407	3 425	2 869	1 295	2 373
Private Junior Colleges	125	568	607	1 223	1 144	611
Proprietary Schools and State School of Technology[3/]	-	-	-	-	1 543	587

1/ Data prior to 1977-78 include the "Leisure-Learn" program at the University of Pittsburgh. This program, which is primarily a recreational program for children of the community, was inappropriately reported as adult/continuing education.

2/ Includes American College from 1975-76 to the present.

3/ Includes data only for the Center for Degree Studies and the Central Pennsylvania Business School in 1979-80.

Note: Data for 1972-73, 1974-75, 1976-77 and 1978-79 were not available.

TABLE

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN NONCREDIT ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

	Total All Institutions	State Colleges and University	State-Related Commonwealth Universities	Community Colleges	Private State-Aided Institutions
TOTAL, ALL FIELDS	514 821	52 244	141 811	164 355	43 452
TOTAL, ALL ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS	470 811	50 605	136 178	130 475	42 917
Agriculture and Natural Resources	13 440	104	12 556	511	259
Architecture and Environmental Design	545	-	177	292	-
Area Studies	3 598	430	2 830	19	150
Biological Sciences	972	56	15	327	552
Business and Management--Total	126 877	2 008	37 524	6 819	6 274
Accounting	7 584	364	964	791	4 845
Investment and Security	3 407	243	-	1 775	395
Marketing and Purchasing	1 116	63	663	67	27
Real Estate	12 763	412	8 502	515	140
Business and Management, All Other	102 007	926	27 395	3 671	867
Communications	4 103	172	461	2 859	118
Computer and Information Sciences	1 498	59	296	427	225
Education	44 543	29 464	12 670	1 216	-
Engineering	14 855	-	12 792	726	817
Fine and Applied Arts--Total	44 204	2 294	3 210	30 514	2 783
Art	10 914	496	944	5 235	2 308
Music	5 438	894	980	2 628	70
Dance/Drama	22 406	657	448	18 981	340
Other Fine and Applied Arts	5 446	247	838	3 670	65
Foreign Languages	4 610	145	1 249	2 332	-
Health Professions--Total	75 722	1 979	33 039	6 979	29 428
Nursing	23 933	1 316	12 429	1 377	6 128
Medicine	26 412	-	9 343	300	16 744
Other Health Professions	25 377	663	11 267	5 302	6 556
Home Economics	10 229	267	1 360	7 660	92
Law	1 587	28	252	741	-
Letters	5 830	44	2 868	1 058	76
Library Science	1 500	166	98	635	561
Mathematics	1 526	352	114	391	-
Military Sciences	74	-	-	74	-
Physical Sciences	2 082	442	283	691	-
Psychology	9 813	646	972	5 331	120
Public Affairs and Services	5 181	418	3 309	1 183	47
Social Sciences	2 635	326	716	1 114	-
Theology	6 789	310	1 056	18	-
Interdisciplinary Studies--Total	17 100	4 088	5 272	4 336	388
Women's Studies	3 399	130	59	2 399	80
Civic and Community Affairs	6 027	3 696	-	1 763	102
Other	7 674	262	5 213	174	206
Developmental Activities	9 562	48	473	7 945	27
Physical Education and Avocational Instruction--Total	61 936	6 759	2 586	46 277	1 000
Hobbies	5 280	463	-	4 453	-
Physical Fitness	14 955	977	377	12 678	-
Sports Instruction	13 834	2 847	575	9 696	-
Other	27 867	2 472	1 634	19 450	1 000
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES	44 010	1 639	5 633	33 880	535
Business and Commerce Technologies	9 152	57	173	7 904	-
Data Processing Technologies	1 937	-	1 454	297	-
Health Services and Paramedical Technologies	9 285	714	1 454	6 421	500
Mechanical and Engineering Technologies	8 942	-	1 016	7 770	-
Natural Science Technologies	796	23	491	147	-
Public Service Related Technologies	8 660	-	684	7 792	-
Other Technologies	5 238	845	361	3 549	35

BY INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY BY FIELD OF INSTRUCTION, 1979-80

Private Colleges and Universities	Theological Seminaries	Private Junior Colleges	Proprietary Schools	
109 388	2 373	611	587	TOTAL, ALL FIELDS
107 588	2 373	392	283	TOTAL, ALL ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS
10	-	-	-	Agriculture and Natural Resources
76	-	-	-	Architecture and Environmental Design
169	-	-	-	Area Studies
22	-	-	-	Biological Sciences
74 058	-	138	56	Business and Management--Total
594	-	-	26	Accounting
994	-	-	-	Investment and Security
296	-	-	-	Marketing and Purchasing
3 155	-	39	-	Real Estate
69 019	-	99	30	Business and Management, All Other
413	80	-	-	Communications
448	-	-	43	Computer and Information Sciences
1 173	-	20	-	Education
520	-	-	-	Engineering
5 330	16	15	42	Fine and Applied Arts--Total
1 905	-	-	26	Art
840	16	10	-	Music
1 959	-	5	16	Dance/Drama
626	-	-	-	Other Fine and Applied Arts
844	-	40	-	Foreign Languages
4 297	-	-	-	Health Professions--Total
2 683	-	-	-	Nursing
25	-	-	-	Medicine
1 589	-	-	-	Other Health Professions
850	-	-	-	Home Economics
566	-	-	-	Law
1 784	-	-	-	Letters
40	-	-	-	Library Science
669	-	-	-	Mathematics
-	-	-	-	Military Sciences
666	-	-	-	Physical Sciences
2 737	-	-	7	Psychology
188	-	36	-	Public Affairs and Services
479	-	-	-	Social Sciences
3 128	2 277	-	-	Theology
2 981	-	35	-	Interdisciplinary Studies--Total
721	-	10	-	Women's Studies
466	-	-	-	Civic and Community Affairs
1 794	-	25	-	Other
956	-	-	113	Developmental Activities
5 184	-	108	22	Physical Education and Avocational Instruction--Total
342	-	-	22	Hobbies
905	-	18	-	Physical Fitness
696	-	20	-	Sports Instruction
3 341	-	70	-	Other
1 800	-	219	304	TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES
749	-	85	184	Business and Commerce Technologies
162	-	24	-	Data Processing Technologies
22	-	110	64	Health Services and Paramedical Technologies
100	-	-	56	Mechanical and Engineering Technologies
135	-	-	-	Natural Science Technologies
184	-	-	-	Public Service Related Technologies
448	-	-	-	Other Technologies

TABLE 3

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN NONCREDIT ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES BY TYPE OF OFFERING BY INSTITUTION, 1979-80

	REGISTRATIONS		
	Total Noncredit Offerings	All Academic Subject Areas	All Occupational Specialties
TOTAL, ALL INSTITUTIONS (115)	514 821	470 811	44 010
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY (14)	52 244	50 605	1 639
Bloomsburg State College	851	851	-
California State College	810	810	-
Cheyney State College	3 248	2 726	522
Clarion State College	2 547	2 547	-
East Stroudsburg State College	163	163	-
Edinboro State College	417	417	-
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	8 950	7 933	1 017
Kutztown State College	2 622	2 542	80
Lock Haven State College	314	314	-
Mansfield State College	2 827	2 827	-
Millersville State College	25 107	25 107	-
Shippensburg State College	590	590	-
Slippery Rock State College	1 155	1 135	20
West Chester State College	2 643	2 643	-
STATE-RELATED COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES (3)	141 811	136 178	5 633
The Pennsylvania State University	105 109	101 617	3 492
Temple University	13 510	11 369	2 141
University of Pittsburgh	23 192	23 192	-
COMMUNITY COLLEGES (14)	164 355	130 475	33 880
Bucks County Community College	6 735	4 615	2 120
Butler County Community College	6 000	2 443	3 557
Community College of Allegheny County	60 292	47 546	12 746
Community College of Beaver County	5 306	4 186	1 120
Community College of Philadelphia	3 300	3 300	-
Delaware County Community College	10 807	9 259	1 548
Harrisburg Area Community College	6 022	5 918	104
Lehigh County Community College	2 870	1 918	952
Luzerne County Community College	6 384	5 708	676
Montgomery County Community College	2 724	1 779	945
Northampton County Area Community College	8 724	8 309	415
Reading Area Community College	19 915	19 495	420
Westmoreland County Community College	15 539	10 763	4 776
Williamsport Area Community College	9 737	5 236	4 501
PRIVATE STATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS (12)	43 452	42 917	535
Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture	299	299	-
Drexel University	2 902	2 902	-
Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital	7 350	7 350	-
Medical College of Pennsylvania	6 388	6 388	-
Pennsylvania College of Optometry	2 625	2 625	-
Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine	150	150	-
Philadelphia College of Art	168	168	-
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	2 500	2 500	-
Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science	41	41	-
Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts	912	912	-
Thomas Jefferson University	5 553	5 553	-
University of Pennsylvania	14 564	14 029	535
PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (59)	109 388	107 588	1 800
Albright College	690	690	-
Allegheny College	225	225	-
American College	64 386	64 386	-
Bucknell University	639	458	181
Cabrini College	735	735	-
Carlow College	2 114	2 114	-
Carnegie-Mellon University	735	485	250
Cedar Crest College	764	755	9
Chatham College	1 198	1 133	65
Chestnut Hill College	118	118	-
College Misericordia	1 057	1 057	-
Combs College of Music	30	30	-
Dickinson College	110	35	75
Dickinson School of Law	410	410	-
Duquesne University	2 947	2 597	350
Eastern College	46	46	-

TABLE 3

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS IN NONCREDIT ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES BY TYPE OF OFFERING BY INSTITUTION, 1979-80--Concluded

	REGISTRATIONS		
	Total Noncredit Offerings	All Academic Subject Areas	All Occupational Specialties
PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES--Concluded			
Elizabethtown College	795	795	-
Franklin and Marshall College	1 894	1 708	186
Gannon University	603	551	52
Geneva College	468	468	-
Gratz College	320	320	-
Gwynedd-Mercy College	285	285	-
Holy Family College	116	116	-
Immaculata College	1 329	1 329	-
Juniata College	171	164	7
King's College	1 418	1 302	116
Lancaster Bible College	600	600	-
LaRoche College	412	412	-
LaSalle College	79	79	-
Lebanon Valley College	269	261	8
Lehigh University	779	779	-
Marywood College	540	540	-
Mercyhurst College	986	986	-
Messiah College	285	285	-
Moravian--Total	1 053	1 053	-
Moravian College	35	35	-
Moravian Theological Seminary	1 018	1 018	-
Muhlenberg College	370	370	-
Neumann College[1/]	2 316	2 316	-
New School of Music	24	24	-
Philadelphia College of Bible	1 154	1 154	-
Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science	1 064	1 064	-
Point Park College	1 363	1 351	12
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College	20	20	-
Robert Morris College	2 267	2 267	-
Rosemont College	73	73	-
St. Francis College	519	519	-
St. Vincent--Total	1 224	1 224	-
St. Vincent College	774	774	-
St. Vincent Seminary	450	450	-
Seton Hill College	1 101	1 101	-
Spring Garden College	1 023	661	362
Susquehanna University	240	240	-
Thiel College	385	385	-
University of Scranton	691	691	-
Ursinus College	545	545	-
Villa Maria College	2 662	2 568	94
Villanova University	2 211	2 211	-
Washington and Jefferson College	117	84	33
Waynesburg College	20	20	-
Widener College of Widener University	926	926	-
Wilkes College	196	196	-
York College of Pennsylvania	271	271	-
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES (6)	2 373	2 373	-
Biblical Theological Seminary	219	219	-
Lancaster Theological Seminary	835	835	-
Lutheran Theological Seminary--Gettysburg	735	735	-
Lutheran Theological Seminary--Philadelphia	170	170	-
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	318	318	-
St. Charles Borromeo	96	96	-
PRIVATE JUNIOR COLLEGES (5)	611	392	219
Harcum Junior College	115	5	110
Lackawanna Junior College	200	176	24
Manor Junior College	93	87	6
Peirce Junior College	178	99	79
Pinebrook Junior College	25	25	-
PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS (2)	587	283	304
Center for Degree Studies	131	-	131
Central Pennsylvania Business School	456	283	173

1/ Formerly Our Lady of Angels College.

APPENDIX

RESPONSES TO SELECTED QUESTIONS REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND OTHER DATA AS RELATED TO ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES DURING 1979-80

1. Does your institution have a centralized administrative unit responsible for operating the noncredit adult and continuing education program?

   46.5% Yes and established before 1975
   36.8% Yes and established in 1975 or later
   16.7% No

2. Is your institution using the CEU (continuing education unit)?

   44.7% Yes
   25.5% Not at the present time, but considering using it
   14.0% No, have decided not to use it
   15.8% No, have not really studied this possibility

3. Approximately what percent of the funds used in the administration and operation of the adult and continuing education program come from the following sources? (Note: Each institution's response was counted equally regardless of the program size and not weighted when calculating the average.)

   26.6% General institutional budget
   63.3% Fees collected from students
    8.3% Special contracts or grants to provide training (including Title I, CETA and other funds)
    1.8% Other

4. May students register for courses by mail?

   87.7% Yes
   12.3% No

5. Do you operate one or more off-campus registration or course information centers?

   32.5% Yes
   67.5% No

6. Are scholarships or other financial aid available for noncredit students?

   15.8% Yes
   84.2% No

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RESPONSES TO SELECTED QUESTIONS REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND OTHER DATA AS RELATED TO ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES DURING 1979-80--Concluded

7. Approximately what percentage of the new courses offered in your noncredit program are initiated by the following sources? (Note: Each institution's response was counted equally regardless of the program size and not weighted when calculating the average.)

34.6% Suggested by a would-be teacher
24.4% Initiated by a professional association, employer or resulting from professional updating requirements
14.2% Student requested, in sufficient numbers to encourage us to offer it
26.8% Other

8. What percentage of your noncredit activities involve the following? (Note: Each institution's response was counted equally regardless of the program size and not weighted when calculating the average.)

23.9% A textbook, purchased by the student
17.7% No textbook, but students must purchase special materials to participate
58.4% No textbook or special materials need be purchased by the student

9. During 1979-80, did your institution offer adult basic education courses?

14.0% Yes
86.0% No

10. During 1979-80, did your institution offer general education development (GED classes) to prepare for the high school equivalency diploma?

10.5% Yes
89.5% No

11. Did your institution make special fee provisions in its noncredit program for the elderly during 1979-80?

43.0% Yes
57.0% No

12. Did your institution make special fee provisions in its noncredit program for unemployed or low-income persons during 1979-80?

4.4% Yes
95.6% No

GLOSSARY

ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES--Organized instructional activities designed to meet the needs of people beyond compulsory school age whose major occupation is not that of a full-time student. They register for purposes of improving knowledge and/or skills in relation to career interests, home and family living, community activity and personal development in degree credit, nondegree credit and/or noncredit courses. However, this survey reflects only the noncredit adult/continuing education instructional activities.

ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS--The total number of participants in each activity, NOT individual persons, i.e., one individual may account for more than one registration.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT (CEU)--A uniform unit of measurement of noncredit instructional activities. Each CEU represents ten hours of participation in an organized noncredit continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction.

NONCREDIT INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES--Organized educational activities that do not offer any form of degree credit, but provide some evidence of a registration process. A certificate of participation may be issued as recognition for having attended these activities.